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### **Takase Appointed Hawai'i District Court Judge**

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon appointed Barbara T. Takase as judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial Circuit. Takase will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Sandra P. Schutte.

Takase is currently in private practice, specializing in the areas of real property, wills and trust, and business law. Since 1999, she has also served as a per diem judge in the District and Family Courts on the Big Island. Subsequent to receiving her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of law in 1989, Takase served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for nine years. Thereafter, she served as a hearings officer with the State of Hawai'i's Department of Education.

The chief justice appoints District Court and District Family Court judges from a list of not less than six nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission.

Takase's appointment is subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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